

Schoolyard rules

County prosecutor sheds light on code change's effect on children

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Worry that changes to the Missouri criminal code could lead to felony charges for bullying or fights on a schoolyard is misplaced, according to the Nodaway County prosecuting attorney.

Following state legislature's annual revision of criminal code, certain cases of harassment and third-degree assault could receive class E felony charges. School districts across the state have voiced concern about how these new laws could be interpreted.

Under Missouri law, harassment is considered to be a form of school bullying and is one of the offenses teachers are required to report to law enforcement. Harassment will now be considered a felony, rather than a misdemeanor, if the victim suffers emotional distress.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice said the Missouri code defines emotional distress as "something markedly greater than the level of uneasiness, nervousness, unhappiness, or the like which are commonly experienced in day-to-day living."

Rice said this, alongside the difficulty to prove harassment, make it highly unlikely a school harassment case would turn into felony charges.

"Harassment is difficult to prove in most cases, even if we can capture or record the bad words or comments," Rice said. "If all it took to be charged with the criminal offense of harassment were bad words, every divorcing couple in the state of Missouri could face prosecution for a verbal argument between two parties."

Rice said laws are made with rationality in mind and interpretation of those laws resulting in felony charges for children would not match the intention of the laws.

"In the real world, common sense prevails and the actions of juveniles, even if it results in a schoolyard fight, will rarely, if ever, rise to the level of criminal prosecution as an adult," Rice said. "I just can't think of a circumstance where I would attempt to certify a child as an adult in a harassment case, nor would a court approve such a request, in my opinion."

The changes in the law addressing assault states anyone who knowingly causes physical injury to another person has committed felony third degree assault.

This new definition sparks worry in educators that a schoolyard fight between elementary kids or bullies could receive felony charges. Interpreting the law this way could trap children in a cycle of crime for the rest of their lives at an age too young to understand the gravity of their decisions.

However, for these children to receive felony charges, they would have to be tried as adults. This distinction is why Rice does not believe this law will affect children.

"The 2017 criminal code does not change or increase the chances of children receiving felonies or prison commitments in anyway whatsoever," Rice said. "Most instances here in Nodaway County, where a crime was committed by a child, will be handled by the 4th Circuit Juvenile Office."

Rice said cases where a child is prosecuted as an adult almost

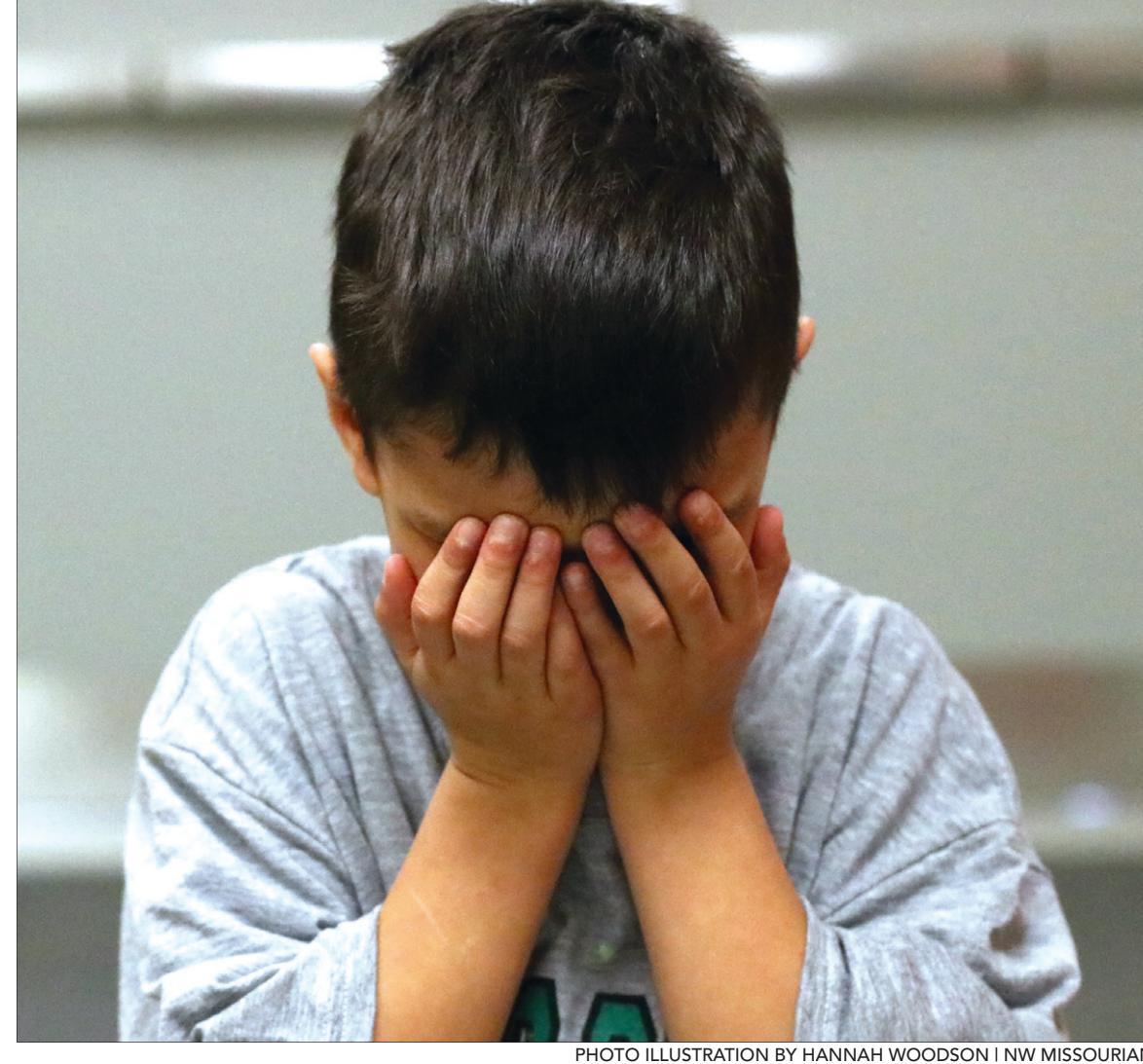


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Revision to a state legislature could lead to felony charges for bullying or fights on school grounds.

never happen.

"The only exceptions are extremely rare and violent crimes where I elect to certify a child as an adult," Rice said.

"Even then, the court has to agree and certify the child as an adult. During my time as prosecutor, I have yet to attempt to certify a child to be tried as an adult. I

hope I never will, because those kind of cases will most likely be murder or violently forcible rape."

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Exhibition station undergoes changes

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Northwest Campus Dining officials are preparing final changes to the exhibition station, housed inside Bearcat Commons in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The station, which provides a different selection of international cuisine every day, will be renamed the International Station. In prior years, the exhibition station featured a diverse assortment of food, such as wontons and specially-arranged items already found around the other stations. The transition comes after a successful International Education Week held in mid-November on the Northwest campus, where food produced specifically for the week in the Commons drew an eager audience.

Senior Food Service Director Spencer Martin said Northwest's International Involvement Center contacted him regarding food planning before the event.

"They asked if there was any way [Campus Dining] could partner with the event, and see if we could provide any meals the international students might like," Martin said. "We rolled out a menu for that entire week, with every single day having a different international menu. We developed one of those for all of the main nationalities at Northwest."

Nationalities of the dishes assembled ranged from Indian and Nepali to Korean and Chinese.

International Affairs Coordinator Ashley Henggeler said students thoroughly enjoyed the events during the week of Nov. 14.

"They hung their flag up; they played music," Henggeler said. "It made them feel like Northwest cared. I had several students comment on it."

Afterwards, Martin said continuing the international food offering made perfect sense.

"The students – even the non-international ones – loved it," Mar-



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tin said. "Students would come to the area and enjoy trying those new things. The international cuisine has been a big hit. I don't think we thought it was going to go over as well as it did."

Director of Admissions and International Affairs Jeff Foot said he feels the food at the exhibition station is causing unexpected turnout because of its authenticity.

"Americans will go towards authentic stuff, but initially that's hard for them to do," Foot said. "I think if we continue to make stuff that's authentic, and if the international students continue to show interest in that because it's authentic, you'll have greater American participation."

Foot said he thinks even if international food is the only overseas experience Northwest students get from the institution, it is a positive thing.

"So you've come from Bolckow, Missouri, and you've never tried Vietnamese noodles before in your life," Foot said. "Maybe it's a

good thing to try it on a university campus. That way, when you go to a meeting with your friends at this new company in Kansas City and everyone is eating pho, you don't feel behind the curve."

Besides participation, Martin recommends students respond with feedback to the newly-employed changes at the soon-to-be International Station.

"We don't ever want to have the closed-door policy where students don't feel like they can communicate or are stuck with the menu that's out there," Martin said. "We can't always make that snap change – sometimes we can – but we have such a diverse population of students, sometimes you take away one thing and that aggravates another group of students. We try to find that happy medium."

Students can voice their opinions at regular Resident Hall Association meetings at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in The Station, or online at the Campus Dining website.

Voters will decide fate of local tax

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Maryville voters will be presented with a renewal question on the April ballot in regards to a local sales tax.

The Maryville City Council approved the consideration of a ballot renewal question for the capital improvement sales tax Jan. 23. The 0.5 cent sales tax, originally approved in 2008, will end Sept. 30, 2018. The ballot question proposes a 20-year renewal versus a 10-year renewal. Maryville City Manager Greg McDaniel said the City Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a 20-year renewal versus a no sunset clause.

"A no sunset clause means we (City Council) wouldn't have to come back to the voters again and renew the tax," McDaniel said. "Certainly there are positives and negatives for both. I think City Council wanted to select a term to come back to the voters in 20 years, so that we have accountability for the funding and to show citizens we were able to spend those funds wisely as we promised, which we have done with our existing 10-year."

In the past ten years, the City of Maryville has been able to complete both small, pay-as-you-go projects and large, debt-financing projects. McDaniel said funding for the larger projects also influenced the proposed 20-year renewal period.

"We suggest a minimum (renewal) no shorter than a 20-year period," McDaniel said. "The reason that we recommend no shorter than a 20-year period is because facilities should be considered as 40-to-50-year assets. If we build a new house, we wouldn't carry a 10-year note on it. We would look at a longer term financing so we're able to accomplish other projects during that period. It's very difficult to finance in a 10-year period. Large-scale projects are also difficult to finance in short periods, such as the improvements to South Main, as we move forward."

McDaniel said the city has

been able to accomplish several positive projects throughout the community with the existing capital improvement funding.

"It (Capital Improvement Fund) is a critical funding source for the community, for infrastructure and equipment replacements," McDaniel said. "It provides approximately \$920,000 annually towards our Capital Improvement Project (CIP) programs."

At the meeting, McDaniel mentioned some of the successes stemming from the CIP program. Those successes include: South Main Street, from First to Halsey, 16th Street, Fourth Street, Munn Avenue, Depot Street and Peach Creek drain improvements.

McDaniel said the City of Maryville encourages all citizens to vote and participate in the local process.

"There will be another question regarding the local library, and then this capital improvement sales tax," McDaniel said. "We want voters to understand the importance of what's been done so far with the capital improvement funds, and what we can accomplish moving forward with them."

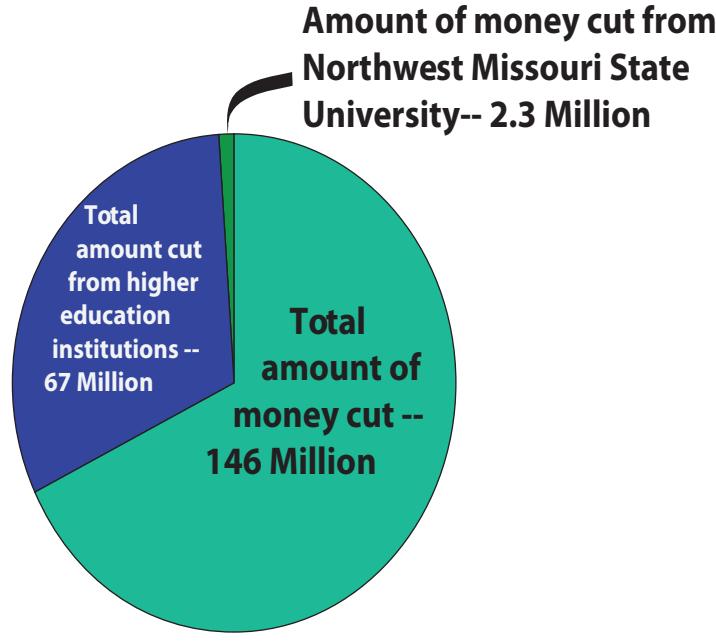
The Maryville Comprehensive Plan identified over \$50 million worth of need in infrastructure and equipment, including facilities, over the next ten to 50 years. McDaniel said if the proposed renewal passes, the city will focus on three prominent areas of need.

"Three most prominent needs are the Maryville Public Safety facility, South Main and the asphalt mill and overlay program," McDaniel said. "The Maryville Public Safety facility is a 1970s era grocery store that doesn't adequately serve today's law enforcement and fire-fighting needs, so we'll look to replace that. We'll start on a phase of the South Main improvements, the community's major retail corridor, with pedestrian and safety features, as well as traffic mitigation issues. The final priority will be the asphalt mill and overlay program. Road conditions are always a priority and generally received well by citizens."

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Funding cuts impact Northwest

Total Amount of State Aid Being Cut for the 2017 Fiscal Year



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State funding cuts enacted by Governor Eric Greitens will affect money supporting four-year schools throughout Missouri.

In a statement released last Monday, Greitens said he will cut \$146.4 million from the state budget due to unmet revenue goals and a poor state economy.

Plans to cut \$67 million in core funding of four-year schools and \$11.9 million in funds usually distributed to community colleges are in action.

"The restrictions were targeted, to the extent possible, at rolling back earmarks, new spending items, programs with no established track record of success and services that are duplicated elsewhere in government," said the governor in his statement.

Greitens said he will have to make cuts of \$700 million over the next 18 months to balance state books.

"We must come together, tighten our belts, be smart and wise with our tax dollars and work our way out of

this hole by bringing more jobs with higher pay to the people of Missouri," Greitens said in a statement.

Northwest Missouri State University will take on a cut of roughly \$2.2 million in previously provided state aid. Vice President of Finance Stacey Carrick said Northwest's Leadership Team started thinking about what it was going to do immediately after receiving the news of the cuts.

"Any time you have an appropriation withheld, there's many things you have to think about when you think about the financial impact," Carrick said. "We ground ourselves back to a mission-critical focus. Our mission is 'every student, every day.' There are several guiding principles that we've put in front of us that we want to continue to focus on as we talk through any kind of financial challenge."

Carrick put an emphasis on protecting access and affordability for the students at Northwest, continuing to value faculty and staff, preserving a long time viability and further building for the future.

"We are making sure that we are

involving leadership throughout the organization in coming up with our solutions," Carrick said. "One of the things that we have engaged in is that we have representation from our faculty senate, staff council and student senate that we are bringing into the process as we move forward."

Moving through Fiscal Year 2017, Northwest is trying to be as resourceful as possible, according to Carrick. In doing this, Northwest's Leadership Team is working to see where it can save existing funds this year, including limiting funding toward travel and faculty positions.

"As we look ahead to Fiscal Year 18 and build our budget for Fiscal Year 18, we will begin to include leadership from across the campus including our faculty, staff and students in the budget process to make sure we have voices from all of our different leadership groups across campus, and to make sure we have these voices from the different constituents involved in the process," Carrick said.

The Northwest Leadership team will make final decisions around the budget.

HOME by Sonja aims to make life beautiful for others

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Maryville finds a new sense of home with the opening of new interior design store.

Sonja Wolbert and her friend Amy Schreck recently opened an interior design business in Maryville.

Wolbert, owner of HOME by Sonja, grew up in Maryville and is no stranger to the furniture and design business.

"I worked in the furniture industry for about 10 years and have been decorating homes for about 15 years," Wolbert said. "I moved away, and for the last two years was the general manager at the furniture mall in Kansas."

The owners of the previous store, Store of Colors, contacted Wolbert and asked if she would be interested in purchasing the building.

"When Peter and Elizabeth decided to retire, they called me and asked if I'd be interested," Wolbert said. "Of course I said yes, and I called my best friend Amy (Schreck)."

Schreck has been in the industry longer than Wolbert. She was on board with Wolbert's plan when she

was contacted.

HOME by Sonja uses a simple three-step plan to make its process easier for customers.

"Our goal is to make life beautiful and it is as easy as 1-2-3: foundations, furniture and fun," Wolbert said.

HOME by Sonja offers Benjamin Moore Paint, flooring and privacy window treatments for the first step, foundation. The company is a HGTV Design Studio, Bassett furniture showroom and has over 160 fabrics to help with the second step, furniture. According to Wolbert, the third step is the fun stuff, including rugs, art, lighting and more.

"People can become overwhelmed in a hurry, because they over think things," Schreck said. "If you can give them that 1,2,3 step process, that will make it much simpler."

HOME by Sonja hopes to bring in anyone looking for design help.

"We are here for the smallest project to the biggest project," Schreck said.

Since opening, Wolbert and Schreck said they have seen a steady flow of customers and hope it will continue throughout the life of their business.



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New café offers support to caregivers



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A support group in Maryville was created by Jessica Loch in order to help those with Alzheimer's and their families have a safe place for social interaction. The group will meet monthly at Hyvee.

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Maryville's new Café Memory provides a safe haven for those suffering from Alzheimer's, and for their caregivers to get out for a day and meet with others in similar situations.

Member of the Café meets monthly for coffee at the local Hy-Vee, creating a community for sufferers and their family members to gather together and talk about their situation.

Jessica Loch, who runs the Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group, said the idea for the café came from a member of the support group who was worried his wife was not getting enough human interaction.

"There was a big need to help combat this boredom and have a safe environment to allow Alzheimer's sufferers to get out of the house," Loch said. "So myself and the people at SSM Home Health came up with the idea of the café, and now once a month we all go to Hy-Vee for coffee."

SSM Health at Home Branch Manager Jodi Loucks said the sessions will be designed to provide social connections at a time when it is most needed.

"We felt like there was a need in this area to provide a place for caregivers and their loved ones to all meet and support each other in a safe place," Loucks said. "They can bring their loved ones to the café letting them get the social interactions they need and just feel like they are not alone."

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America estimates as many as 5.1 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's. The disease often leaves both sufferers and caregivers feeling isolated and alone. That is where Café Memory comes

in. Café Memory creates a community for sufferers and their families to go and be with others in similar situations.

"There are a lot of people in Nodaway County with dementia and people who are taking care of loved ones with dementia here, and in a lot of instances you can't leave them alone," Loch said. "So you have this whole population of people who are confined and feeling isolated. The café helps show both the caregivers and sufferers of the illness there are others in similar situations as them."

The Alzheimer's Foundation estimates one to four family members act as caregivers for each individual with Alzheimer's. Often, those taking care of their family members do not realize there are many others going through the same thing.

"The café sets off this light bulb and makes those caring for their loved ones realize they are not alone," Loch said. "They realize there is a whole community of people with family members who are suffering from Alzheimer's just like they are. This helps set up a support network and community of people who understand the situation they are in."

For Loucks the café is vital to all who attend because it creates an environment in which people can be open and share without judgment as everyone is in a similar situation.

"There are patients who suffer from memory loss everyday and we really need a place for them to come to know they are not alone," Loucks said. "The café provides a place where people can freely share their stories and frustrations with people who truly know and understand where they are coming from."

Historical military service records uncovered by recorder

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Two historical books concerning military records of Nodaway County citizens were found when refiling records.

The first book documents Nodaway County residents who participated in the Civil War in handwritten records such as length of service, promotions and duty while serving. The second contains records for enlisted persons in Nodaway County from 1919-1920 that include relative details about the individual documented.

Field Archivist Becky Carlson

inspected the books and confirmed their historical authenticity particular to Nodaway County.

Nodaway County Recorder of Deeds Sandra Smail led the processing and uploading of the documents to the Nodaway County website.

Smail said genealogy work helps people looking for missing links in family tree research.

"Anybody who does genealogy work is always looking for missing pieces of puzzles," Smail said. "Things like 'What did great grandpa do?' and 'Did great grandpa serve in the Civil War?' It is information that helps in that sense unique to Nodaway County."

Smail said she wants to put together more information on her own website to help as many people as possible. In addition to the recent find, Smail has uncovered other important documents while working at the Deed Office.

"It's a matter of knowing what we have," Smail said. "When this office moved from the courthouse into this building, we made a very significant discovery. We had drawers of loose papers, and I picked up a book that was falling apart, bound in leather."

This was book number one of county deeds recorded in town, written by the first Recorder of Deeds, Amos Graham. These records date

all the way back to 1845.

"The paper was brittle enough to the point of flaking off," Smail said. "We took the book apart and sprayed solution onto the paper that made it supple again. We put all the pages individually in archival sleeves so that the paper is protected."

Smail said she wants people to contribute to the Nodaway Historical Society if they find documents with historical relevance. She plans to submit her finds there soon.

According to the Nodaway County Historical Society's website, the organization is dedicated to the study, collection and preservation of historically-significant data and material that reflects the story of Nodaway County and its residents through the years.

The Nodaway County Recorder of Deeds houses records dating back from 1967 to the present, including marriage certificates, land plotting records, surveys and others.



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Blood drive runs dry for wrong reasons



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nents of blood each year, to be exact. With blood being in demand, it is important to donate blood if you are able to. According to the Red Cross, up to 38 percent of Americans are eligible to donate blood through a screening process, but only 10 percent of eligible donors actually donate.

Unless you are not eligible to donate or it goes against your religious views, you should be donating blood.

Common reasons for not donating include fear of needles, busy schedule, thinking your blood type is too common or rare to be in need or thinking you do not have enough blood to spare. All of these reasons can be argued against.

If you are afraid of needles or blood, please realize how afraid the person whose life you could be saving is. It must be terrifying to not

know if you will live through the year, month or even the day.

If you are too busy, please realize the entire donation process takes up to an hour and the 10 minutes you spend hooked up to a machine could drastically change someone's entire life.

If you think your blood is too common or rare to donate, please realize common blood type donations go quickly and rare blood type donations go even quicker.

If you think you do not have enough blood to spare, please realize an adult body contains about 10 pints of blood and donations are only about a pint of blood. Your body is able to replenish this loss quickly and you are even able to donate again in 56 days.

On a similar note, people should look into becoming organ donors after death. I am not asking you to go

under the knife tomorrow and donate a kidney to a stranger, but if you pass away, you no longer need your organs. They should go to someone who could benefit from them.

Like blood donations, organs go very quickly. According to Life Center, a new name is added to the organ waiting list every 10 minutes. There are more than 123,000 people on the waiting list. One day, your name could be added to the list.

Again, I understand certain religions may prohibit organ donation. Unless you fall under this category, you should sign up to be an organ donor.

A common worry is an open-casket funeral. Morticians are trained to deal with organ donations and prepare bodies so that they look no different than they did before a donation.

Another common worry of or-

gan donation is the thought of your body after death. We all know that we will die one day. Although death is a dark subject, not thinking about it will not put it off any farther.

As rapidly as Americans are in need of blood and organ donations, statistics show it is likely we or someone we know will be in need of a donation at some point in our lives. Because of this, we should become more comfortable with the thought of blood and organ donation.

Unless you are religiously or medically restricted from donating blood or your organs, please think about the positivity that comes from these actions. Consider donating at your next local blood drive.

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OUR VIEW:

Alternative facts leave country searching

President Donald Trump's administration has made news for many reasons since the mogul officially assumed the Oval Office. However, the most worrisome development from the Executive Branch is its insulting rebranding of lies as alternative facts.

Following President Trump's inauguration, the big story for most major media outlets was the attendance of the ceremony. Condemning numbers and side-by-side photos comparing this year's event to past inaugurations flooded social media and spilled onto the nation's leading news outlets for the story's 15 minutes of fame.

While the size of Trump's inauguration had its brief, organic time in the light of social media, it was a story that should have withered quickly, replaced by stories of executive actions and Cabinet appointments. However, just as we saw during election season, the Trump administration could not help but find its message muddled with controversy over unnecessary comments, and just like that, the attendance story was given new life.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer took the podium for the first time in his new position two days after the inauguration. Inaugural audience size and chastising the dishonest media were the foundations of what he had to say.

Spicer claimed Trump's inauguration "was the largest audience to ever witness the inauguration period both in person and around the globe," and "photographs of the inaugural proceedings were intentionally framed in a way, in one



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particular tweet, to minimize the enormous support that had gathered on the National Mall."

He went on to attack the media for framing the event negatively and even covering the story. At this point, the discussion stopped being about attendance and became about honesty.

The story took off once more with the media providing more evidence and stories, and the administration continuing to swat it all away as conspiracy.

Finally, Trump's campaign man-

ager and one of his senior advisers, Kellyanne Conway, held an interview from the White House lawn with Meet The Press. The interview began with pleasantries on both sides and quickly spiraled out of control as the reporter and Conway began arguing about attendance size and, more importantly, honesty.

During the interview, Conway refused to answer why Spicer would lie over such an insignificant story and so quickly after taking control of the position. Instead, Conway

stuck with the rhetoric of the administration and backed Spicer, saying what he provided the media was "alternative facts," a statement with which she insulted the intelligence of the public by trying to make a lie into something else.

If the story was not the talk of social media before this statement, it was everywhere after it, as it should have been. Because this is the point where a simple story about attendance size went from out of control to terrifying. It was at this point

the story completely stopped being about attendance size and became about the ease and regularity with which the Trump Administration lied to the public within its first weekend in power. And whether you voted for our president or not, this should raise red flags.

It is not enough that the Trump administration lied, but it lied twice through two different people, tried to soften those lies by creating a new phrase for lying, accused the media of lying and did all of this because of a story as insignificant as audience size.

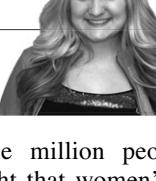
If this presidency is willing to lie about matters of vanity, how quickly will it lie about matters of national security? And how will it handle a vocal media attempting to make sure facts still matter?

Politicians lying is a cliché many in the country are comfortable with. But no administration has been able to be this blatant and frequent with its lies and still be able to get away with it.

The election is over and Trump is no longer a candidate. While his supporters blindly and wholeheartedly followed him in a controversial election, that time is done. He is the leader of one of the most powerful countries on the planet and has to be held responsible. He has to be honest with the country about what is going on. If we let him get away with any lie, no matter how small, it will give him the permission to continue to keep us in the dark.

President Trump and his team, whether you own a little red hat or not, must be accountable. We cannot live in a world of alternative facts.

The women's march needs your understanding



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and environmental justice, as stated on the march's website.

It is important to remember that although this is an election protest, the Women's March represents a movement.

The Women's March represents the fact that we stand together and will not settle for anything less than equality. As poet Audre Lorde said, "I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own."

As a straight, white, fully abled woman born in America, I have not had to deal with many of the issues the march fights for.

Unfortunately, as statistics show, it is likely I will one day have some type of violence inflicted against me or be in a position where I need birth control or an abortion.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, one

in five women will be raped in their lives. According to Guttmacher Institute, one in three women will have an abortion by the time they are 45.

Forget Trump. Forget the election. These statistics are something we need to address no matter who is in office. As a woman, my body is mine. It is no one else's to inflict violence upon or choose what I do with it.

Although abortion rights ultimately come down to politics, violence against women does not. Sexual or otherwise, this violence must stop.

I think it is amazing a million people came together to end the violence and fight for women's rights, but it hurts my heart to think it took a new president for people to fight for these rights.

This march was a protest against Trump, but I believe he made a valid point in one of his

tweets. "Watched protests yesterday but was under the impression that we just had an election! Why didn't these people vote? Celebs hurt cause badly," the tweet said.

According to crowd scientists, 160,000 people showed up to Trump's inauguration and 470,000 people showed up to the march in Washington alone. People should not have waited until a new president was elected to show their support. If you are an eligible voter, you should be actively participating in all politics and elections.

A second tweet from Trump stated "Peaceful protests are a hallmark of our democracy. Even if I don't always agree, I recognize the rights of people to express their views."

This march was incredibly peaceful, especially compared to recent protests which involved violence and brutality. For that reason,

I am especially proud of the people who participated in the marches.

My only complaint with this march is the fact that environmental justice is something the marchers were fighting for, yet I have seen dozens of pictures of streets littered with protesters' signs and trash. This is disappointing, not only because they were fighting against it, but because it makes the march look bad as a whole. I do realize not all marchers left their trash, but we need to practice what we preach.

Overall, I am proud of the Women's March and the things the marchers stand for.

Our country needs to realize the importance of women's rights and that women's rights are human rights. America cannot reach its full potential until we realize this.



DYLAN COLDENSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest student Karla Everman was one of the 227 donors that provided blood for the nationwide blood shortage. Student Senate ran the blood drive from Jan. 17 to Jan. 19.

Students donate in time of need

KATIE STEVENSON
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Northwest Student Senate sponsored a three-day blood drive in cooperation with the Community Blood Center to help combat the nation's blood shortage.

The blood drive took place from Jan. 17 to Jan. 19 and brought in 227 donors. The winter months are often critical months for blood donations, as it is often harder for people to get out and donate.

This is not the first time the Stu-

dent Senate and the Community Blood Center have worked together to host blood drives. For Donor Recruitment Representative Betty Tinker, the winter blood drives are always the most important.

"Northwest has always helped us pull out of the critical state during the winter months," Tinker said. "We need the help of each student to bring the blood supply to safe levels."

Junior Kaleigh Wilmes donated blood because she knew how much her donation could help.

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In other business, the council approved the creation of a tourism committee. McDanel said the tourism committee will essentially serve as an advisory board to the city council.

"The city council still makes the ultimate decision on expenditure of those (transient guest tax) funds," McDanel said. "However, the tourism committee will serve two main purposes. First, they will coordinate with Northwest on maximizing use of the Northwest Multipurpose Complex by establishing a master calendar of not only Northwest events, but community events, as well as advise the city council on all tourism efforts and promotion."

The tourism committee will consist of nine members. Six members will specifically be appointed from the Greater

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BULLYING
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Rice said there are many options for children who find themselves in the eye of the criminal process that will not result in them being marked for life.

"The 4th Circuit Juvenile Office has various alternative sanctions for youthful offenders, including supervised probation and community service requirements," Rice said. "In limited circumstances, the Juvenile Office can petition the Juvenile Court to commit the juvenile to the Division of Youth Services (DYS) where they will be housed for whatever time the DYS deems suitable to the youth and circumstances."

Sophomore Jamie Walters said she will never support children receiving felonies, but believes Missouri prosecutors will do what they can to keep that from happening.

"I think most logical people can agree children shouldn't get felonies," Walters said. "I'm hoping the people in charge of executing these laws keep that in mind."

Rice said these changes are nothing schools or parents should be concerned about and will continue to support schools' fight against bullying.

"I support school officials mandatory reporting to police or children's protective services whenever there is a concern a child is in danger," Rice said. "The criminal justice system, through law enforcement investigation and prosecutorial oversight, will continue now as it had in the previous criminal code to ensure juveniles are handled based on their development level and so that justice, or the right thing, prevails."

NEWS BRIEF

Local bar hearing pushed back three weeks

The date of a controversial court case that has been long awaited by Maryville citizens is being moved. The Palms awaits to stand trial for serving alcohol to minors. The bar was also cited for parking infractions dealing with the wiener truck parked on the premises. The Palms' charges for the infractions were issued in Oct. 2016.

The trial was originally scheduled for Jan. 18, with the Maryville City Council acting as both the judge and jury.

Attorney Chad A. Gaddie has requested a continuance of the trial. The Maryville City Council granted the request and has tentatively rescheduled the hearing. According to Maryville City Manager Greg McDanel, the hearing, as of now, will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 9.

"All parties involved received official notices the week the decision was made," McDanel said. "The hearing will be tentatively scheduled."

Blotters for the week of Jan. 19

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Jan. 19

Two summonses were issued for a liquor law violation at Roberta Hall.

Jan. 21

Two summonses were issued for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Dieterich Hall.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

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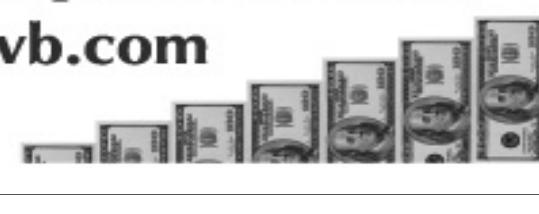
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Let's face it, America's new president is a Twitter extraordinaire. Donald Trump has 21.8 million followers. Not many pages can rival that, but half an onion in a bag is catching up fast. The page @HalfOnionInABag is aimed at trolling Trump and is simply trying to get more followers than he has.

**Half An Onion**

@HalfOnionInABag

Just here to get more followers than @realDonaldTrump.

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SOURCE: IRISHNEWS.COM

Virtual reality has been sweeping the nation. "OhRama" company has added scent to the senses pallet with its new mask to go with adult video content. You can choose a scent canister to put in the mask to assist your video and enhance your porn-watching experience.

Naps are a common thing. Who does not love a good nap? A sea lion in Freeland, Washington sure loves taking them, especially on the roofs of Honda Civics parked at Nichols Brothers. The critter was safely awakened by the sheriff and coaxed off the car.



SOURCE: Q13FOX.COM

We have all dealt with overdue books before, but San Francisco Public Library has a story that takes the cake. The book "40 Minutes Late" was turned in 100 years late. Phoebe Marsh Dickenson Webb checked out the book at age 83, but died before she could turn it in. Her great-granddaughter found it and turned it in for her. Had it not been pardoned, the fine would have been \$3,650.

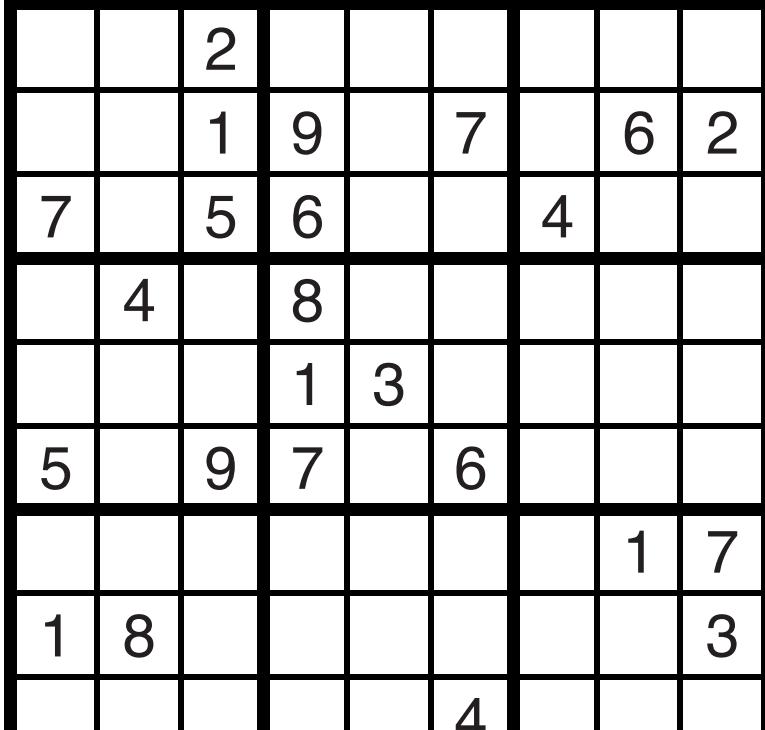
Everyone has heard the expression "losing your marbles," but for a truck driver passing through Indianapolis, it was literal. The driver's trailer tipped over on I-26 and spilled 38,000 pounds of marbles. Twitter is having a heyday with puns.



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By MetroCreative

**Paranormal Inactivity**

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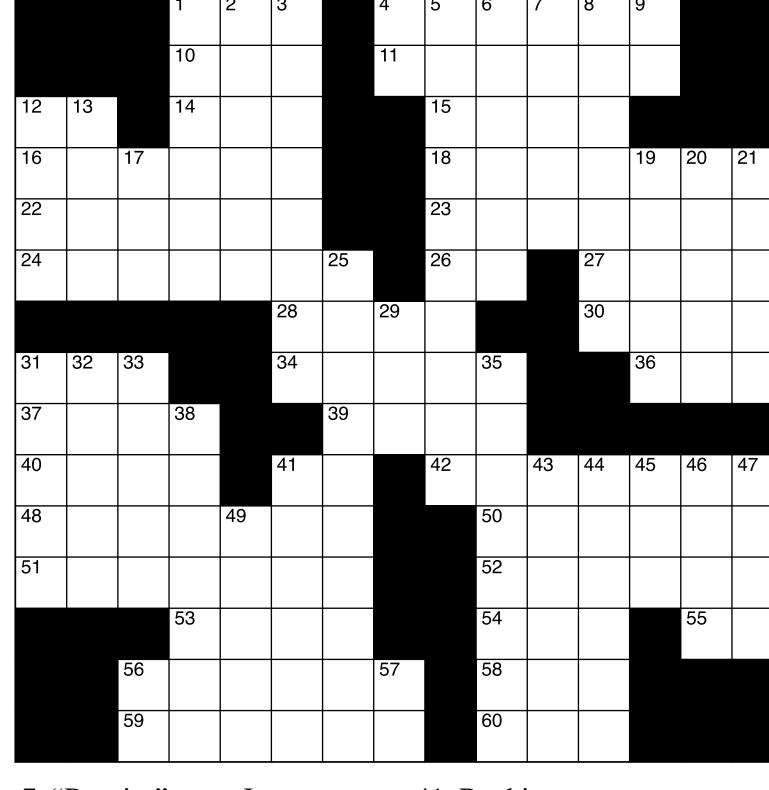
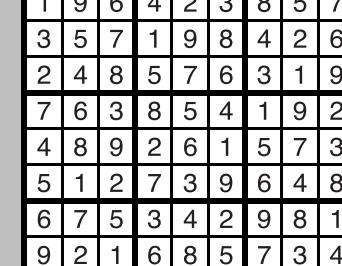
By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

1. Part of a can
4. A form of discrimination
10. Doctors' group
11. Expression of joy
12. Spanish "be"
14. A mongrel
15. Helen was from here
16. With many branches
18. Fussy
22. Male fertilizing organ of a flower
23. Trap
24. Long, angry speeches
26. For instance
27. Sticky, waterlogged soil
28. Fasten
30. Card game
31. Seaport (abbr.)
34. Dresses worn in S. Asia
36. Midway between south and southeast
37. Of the mouth
39. Capital of Yemen
40. Branches of a bone
41. Very much
42. TV host Leeza
48. A way to change integrity
50. Mineral can be extracted from this
51. For instance
53. Self-immolation by fire ritual
55. Ranking
56. Tide
57. Lump in yarn
58. Funeral
59. Letter in the Albanian alphabet
60. Midway between south and west
7. "Borgias" actor Jeremy Irons
8. Phrases
9. Millihenry
12. Long ago
13. Disfigure
17. Horseshoe extension
19. Regions
21. Philippine Island
25. Appropriate for a particular time
29. Small constellation in the Milky Way
31. Categorizes
32. Malaysian boat
33. Natives of Sri Lanka
35. Type of vessel
38. Prescribe

**SOLUTIONS****Clues Down**

1. City in Washington
2. Entertained
3. Nakedness
4. Exclamation of surprise
5. Instinct
6. Making a mistake

Brian Hesse



SUBMITTED AND ANASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Brian Hesse first traveled to Africa on a study abroad trip through Kansas State University. During his year there, he discovered his passion for teaching and for the continent as a whole. He returned to lead his first safari in 1998 and spends his summers helping people experience all Africa has to offer. His company is called Cowabunga Safaris.

Professor seeks to give others an experience of a lifetime

REBECCA BOREN

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"You should not fear the world, but try to experience it as much as you can," Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences Brian Hesse said.

Between studying abroad and leading safaris in Africa, Hesse has seen more of the world in the last 20 years than many people do in their lifetimes.

Hesse's beginning was not quite as big. He grew up in a rural Kansas town called Paxico. He went to a centralized high school and across five towns, he still only had 35 in his graduating class.

Hesse is the youngest child behind two sisters, causing him to realize pretty early on in life "teenage girls are some of the meanest people in the world."

"They would get into fights where they might use the cord of a curling iron to hit each other," Hesse said. "There was no way I was getting in the middle of that stuff, so I would escape outside."

The Flint Mountains were just outside his house, and he spent hours outside exploring.

"I just really love grass. I am happy there," Hesse said.

Hesse began his educational career at Kansas State University.

"I was one of the first in my family to actually go to college," Hesse said. "I knew no one who knew how to navigate a college environment, because no one had been there before me. They asked me a lot of questions, like what my major was, and I didn't even know what my options were."

Luckily, several people took Hesse in and showed him how to make the transition to college.

It was through K-State that Hesse first went to Africa. He signed up to study abroad for a year in Tanzania.

"I was 20 years old and had never been out of the United States. I told my parents I signed up, then I sold two motorcycles that I fixed up to buy my plane ticket and off I went," Hesse said.

Hesse admits he did not really know what to expect. He brought \$300 with him to try and live on for the year. Luckily, his parents were able to put money into an account for him to have access to.

Originally, Hesse was going to study foreign services and work for the state. However, after seeing how certain diplomats operated while in Tanzania, he switched gears to teaching.

"I was under the impression that they rarely get out and about amongst the people," Hesse said. "They would operate in isolated environments and never experienced

the country."

Hesse received a scholarship to study in London where he got his master's and PhD degrees. This was the beginning of Hesse's journey to teaching and guiding in Africa.

"I love learning, and the best way to learn is by teaching," Hesse said. "The 9-month contract I have to teach at Northwest allows me to spend my summers doing my ecological passions in Africa."

Hesse owns a company called Cowabunga Safaris. He leads photographic trips through various countries.

"1998 was the year I led my first safari in Africa. Most people, when they sign up, want a wildlife-oriented experience," Hesse said. "They have national geographic type images in their head, and you can get that. When I went to Africa, I went for the animals, but it was everything else that hooked me."

As part of his personal philosophy, Hesse does not count the number of safaris he has been on.

"When people sign on with me to go on a safari, it is typically their first safari. I want to look at it that way," Hesse said. "This is a first and potentially last experience for them and me. If I start ticking it off, it speaks to other experiences rather than the experience I was in right then."

On each safari, tourists visit different areas and main attractions in Africa, but a majority of their trip is spent visiting villages and living amongst the people.

"People will get ready to leave and say 'Well, we are off to the real world.' I just get to remind them they are going back to the artificial world, the world with artificial light cycles and artificial climate control," Hesse said.

While in Africa, most people get on a natural rhythm. They wake up when the sun comes up and fall asleep shortly after it goes down. Hesse says people are more in tune with the natural world around them.

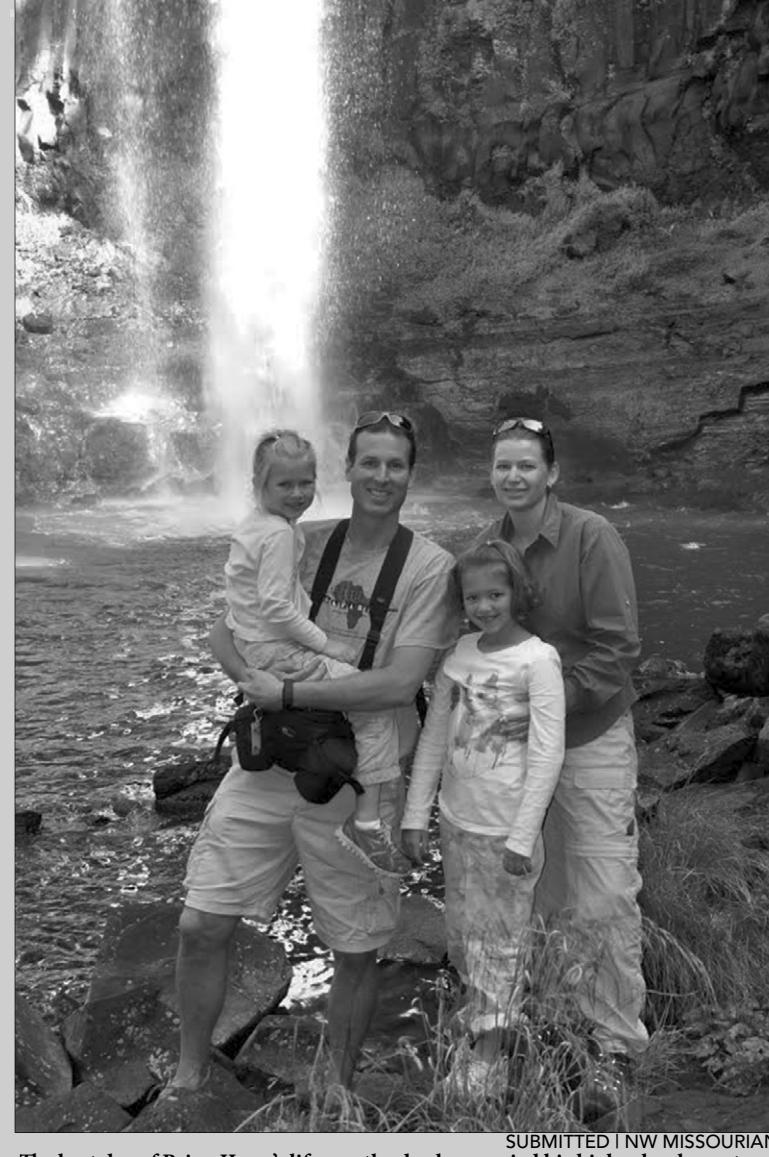
Despite his many trips to Africa, there is always one thing that continues to take Hesse's breath away.

"I am in awe of the wildebeest migration in the Serengeti. The Serengeti is my place," Hesse said.

In the Serengeti, there is an abundance of wildlife. Elephants, giraffes and zebras are common sights.

"The sound, the smell and the scene is just awe-inspiring. There used to be several migrations like the wildebeests' in the world. This is the last true migration on Earth. To be able to see that over again is humbling. Each time I see it is like the first time," Hesse said.

Outside of Africa, Hesse lives with his wife and two daughters, Amelia and Elaina.



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The best day of Brian Hesse's life was the day he married his high school sweetheart. The two had a small ceremony outside of her parents' home in June. Hesse says this event caused him the most carefree joy he has ever felt.

"Hands down, the happiest day of my life is when I got married to my wife," Hesse said.

The two were high school sweethearts and dated for many years before getting married.

"The wedding was at her parents' house with a small group of family and friends," Hesse said. "It was outside on a beautiful June day. It was the most carefree joy that I have ever experienced."

It is well-known that this was Hesse's happiest moment. His children tease him about it not being the day of their birth.

"That is a different kind of joy, because it comes with so many responsibilities," Hesse said. "I have to care for this person and nurture them. My wedding day was all about me and my wife."

Elaina and Amelia have been to Africa as well. The first time the two made the journey was in 2014 and Hesse plans on taking them back in 2018.

"They saw things that are im-

pressive in their own right, but it was also humbling to see how a lot of people live compared to how Americans live," Hesse said. "It gave them a sense of gratitude that might not have happened otherwise."

Hesse's children were not only able to see how small they were compared to large animals, but they also saw how different their lives were compared to the children in Africa.

"Kids their age in Africa will have to walk a mile with a bucket for water, while we are able to just turn on the tap without much effort," Hesse said.

Africa plays a major role in Hesse's life. Because of this, when money was embezzled from his company, Hesse was sent into one of his lowest points.

"It wasn't like my family was going to starve as a consequence. I have a wonderful job at Northwest and my wife has her job. My family was going to survive," Hesse said.

A lot of the problem was Hesse's sense of responsibility. Cowabunga

Safaris was started in 1974 and the man entrusted his company to Hesse.

"Someone brought this company into being, nurtured it and entrusted me with it. Then on my watch, something happened that could cause the whole thing to go away," Hesse said. "It weighed on me heavily."

Hesse's family might not have been put into a tough position if the company went under, but other families would not be so lucky.

"Cowabunga helps families and sends kids to school. When I hire someone to be a cook, I pay them so they can use that money for their families for school or medicines. Even if this money wasn't going to sink my family, it could have sunk the ones of the people who work for me," Hesse said.

Despite the stress, Hesse acknowledges good things came out of this experience. He now has closer relationships with many of the people who work for him because they had to come together to problem solve.

"As a Christian, I hear often, in times of trials, you realize the importance of faith and you might see God's hand in ways you would have missed before," Hesse said.

The case is still ongoing. The criminals are on trial, but being 4,000 miles away makes it challenging.

Despite the struggles happening overseas, Hesse is still having a major impact on students at Northwest. Junior Mariah Jones worked with Hesse as his Supplemental Instructor for several years.

"I feel incredibly privileged to have the opportunity to work with him," Jones said. "I have an immense amount of respect for him and highly value him highly as a mentor in my life."

Jones says his passions and commitment to students is evident in the way he conducts himself and his classroom everyday.

"He wants to challenge students in a way that helps them grow and better understand the world around them, not only as students, but on a personal level as well," Jones said.

Jones also offers an accurate description of who he is as a person.

"He is a tall white guy who loves Africa," Jones said. "On a more serious note, he is one of the most interesting, intelligent and inspiring people you will ever have the pleasure of talking to."

Most of all, Hesse wants to emphasize the importance of traveling and getting out of comfort zones.

"It is easy to be comfortable, but when you make yourself uncomfortable that is when you see the best in yourself and other people," Hesse said. "Sometimes you just have to make yourself vulnerable."

Dance Company taps into talent

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With another semester of hopefully sold-out shows comes another new wave of eager and dedicated dancers.

This year, with a turnout of nearly 85 dancers, it is clear Dance Company's success has been a major component in attracting new members to its ever-growing family. Last week's try-outs are only the beginning for the dancers, as their spring show is only six weeks away.

The Northwest Dance Company has been successful in recent years, with the group selling out last semester's winter show. Previous years have seen an increase in tickets sold, but it was not until last semester that the audience number hit an all-time high.

Junior and Dance Company Vice President Rollens Hardy explained some of the big draws of Dance Company, along with why many choose to stay with the program throughout their college career. She said while there is a lot of hard work and time crunching that comes with being involved in Dance Company, it rarely feels like anything other than working hard with your friends.

"The dancing is important and I like that fact, but most of my dance career got me a lot of my lifelong friendships," Hardy said. "I think I value that more than the actual dancing, as much as I love it. It's nice to go there if I've had a bad day because I get to see all of the people that really cheer me up."



Northwest Dance Company practice their moves as another semester of shows and events take off.

SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Even though everyone is among friends, there is still a lot of hard work going into getting ready for each semester's show. Each show is around an hour and a half long, with each dance being around two minutes and 30 seconds. With only six weeks to get ready for all of these things, there is only so much free time.

"The hardest part is making sure everything is organized and making sure everyone knows what's going on," Hardy said. "We've gotten better about relaying information, but with 75 total members there are al-

ways some others that get out of the loop some way or another. It's mainly about making sure those people understand that we have such a limited amount of time to get everything down."

Sophomore AJ Hinson, Dance Company's co-merchandising chair, was unsure about trying out for dance company his freshman year. But, he later found the people he was surrounded by were there to grow and learn just like he was.

"I was so nervous because I felt like I was walking into this big profes-

sional organization that seemed very prestigious and high up," Hinson said. "Then I tried out and saw that, yeah it is still professional, but now it just feels like going to practice might as well be going to see my family."

Senior Allison Parks, secretary for Dance Company, made a point to acknowledge that Dance Company is a student-run organization. She says that this is a positive and a negative, allowing a lot of freedom, but with little guidance to help steer the way.

Parks says this leaves a lot of the responsibility up to those who are

students just like anyone else.

"We have two shows a year that are completely put on by students," Parks said. "That's putting on a full show that normally sells really well. That makes everything we do feel really meaningful because it is all done by us. But it does get hard, especially around try-outs, because we are all friends and we don't have others making the decisions for us."

Dance Company's spring show is March 3, giving the dancers just enough time to make every move that counts.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to be a gentleman

What is up, Bearcats? Man, do I have a story for you.

This past week, as I was talking with my friends, I overheard a story. It did not make me particularly proud of male Bearcats.

A girl was telling her friend about how big of a douche this guy was to her. They had been "talking" since Christmas break. This kid sounded cute, just a little too full of himself.

They met up at the bar over the weekend. One thing led to another

and they ended up leaving together. The lady Bearcat said she did not know how they ended up at his place, but they did.

She had no intention of sleeping with him, but he had other plans. As they started messing around, she told him she did not want to sleep with him. He stormed out of the room.

The girl, shocked by what happened, just sat there. The guy returned, words were exchanged and he left again. That time, the girl fol-

lowed him out. He led her to the door, handed her shoes to her and kicked her out.

This dude kicked a girl out of his apartment at three in the morning. So now that you are all caught up on what is a somewhat comical but completely terrible situation, we have got to have a talk.

Never in a million years is this going to be OK. You are never entitled to have sex with someone, even if you bring them home.

Also, what kind of guy kicks

a girl out of his apartment in the middle of the night? As the girl told her friends the story, you could see the hurt on her face. I mean how would she not be hurt? The guy was a total a**.

I was so sad to hear a Bearcat had done this to someone. I think very highly of our college. I have been in some real douchey situations myself, but this one took it to the next level.

Bearcats, I am all for having fun, but I never want you to feel entitled

to sex. If someone says they do not want to have sex with you, do not kick him or her out of your house at three in the morning in the freezing cold. It is not only dangerous, but you can make the person feel bad about themselves.

Stay cool, Bearcats. Do not be douches.

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Remember when you made a resolution this New Year? It happens every year. The clock strikes twelve and Jan. 1 hits and everyone and their mom is at the gym sporting brand new lululemon.

According to the New York Times, almost 50 percent of people make a New Year's resolution. Only 9 percent of those people will actually be successful in their resolutions.

Senior Paige Brotherton, junior Walker Hulett and sophomore Danielle O'Neill all had New Year's resolutions.

Brotherton's and Hulett's resolutions were similar to most Americans'; it was to get in shape.

"My main focus is working on looking lean for spring break," Brotherton said. "I work out once or twice a day, depending on if my roommate can drag me out of bed in the morning."

Hulett also has plans of going

to the police academy after graduating next spring.

"I am sticking to my resolution. I got sick this past week and that really made me angry because I couldn't work out," Hulett said.

Both have made sure to stick it out with the help of their workout pals.

"I really don't think I would be doing this if my roommate didn't yell at me every time I tried to skip the gym. You could say I am sticking to my resolution because she makes me," Brotherton said.

Hulett said he sees the benefits of having a workout partner as well.

"I am meeting one of my fraternity brothers at the gym to make sure I keep myself accountable. He is also helping me when it comes to lifting and pushing me," Hulett said.

They seem to be falling into the 9 percent of people who will stick out their resolutions to have a fit, better and more active lifestyle.

O'Neill's resolution was to work out and have a more positive

outlook on life.

"The whole working out thing isn't really happening yet, but I am excited for the upcoming year, so having a more positive outlook on life is happening for sure," O'Neill said.

O'Neill has many things to look forward to. She is a bridesmaid in her sorority big's wedding, she is transferring back to a school in Kansas City and she is a co-owner of Metro Threads.

"Working out may happen eventually, but I am just too busy with classes, bridesmaid things and Metro Threads," O'Neill said.

The new year is not just about fitness resolutions. A lot of people look at the attitudes they had within the past year and try to make sure they are more positive in the new year.

So, if you epically failed at the gym, maybe instead focus on your attitude and making small changes like an extra glass of water a day.

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Senior Ryan Owens (bottom) and junior Jacob Search (top) work on their wrestling form at practice Jan. 20.

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Meyer shot exceptionally well, getting eight of her 13 field goals to fall and 11 of her 12 free throws. Such efficient shooting from its core players allowed Northwest to push its lead up to 16 in the fourth quarter.

While the box score may show deficiencies in Northwest's ability to generate points off the bench, a second look may provide something else entirely.

"When that group of starters is out there and is playing well, they're going to stay in," Scheel said. "When the girls on the bench finally get in, everything they do needs to be positive."

If the past week is any indication, then the message has been re-

ceived. One player making an impact off of the bench is sophomore Maria Dentlinger.

In her past two games, Dentlinger averaged nine points including a 3-of-5 effort from three against Nebraska-Kearney Jan. 19.

"I knew I had to step up with Taryn (Schull) hurt," Dentlinger said. "I try to go into the game and do whatever I can, like get defensive stops."

In fact, Dentlinger's effort on defense was part of the reason Northwest held Fort Hays to 33 percent shooting in the first half. Scheel will need a similar effort from Dentlinger and the rest of the players if he wants to win two straight games since Nov. 22.

In order to beat Missouri Western, Northwest will have to limit All-MIAA point guard Chelsea Dewey. On the season, Dewey is scoring 12.8 points per game while leading her team with 4.2 assists per game.

At its best, Northwest has shown the ability to compete with some of the best teams in the country. At its worse, Northwest is a team with a lot of talent that needs to put it together. If Scheel's team can stay consistent, the sky's the limit.

"We need to take that game against Fort Hays and learn from it," Scheel said. "In the past, we would have a good game and take steps back. We cannot do that now."

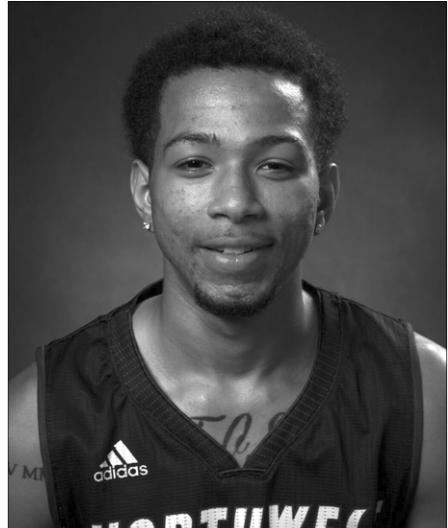
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Northwest @ Missouri Western

Jan. 28 @ 2 p.m.

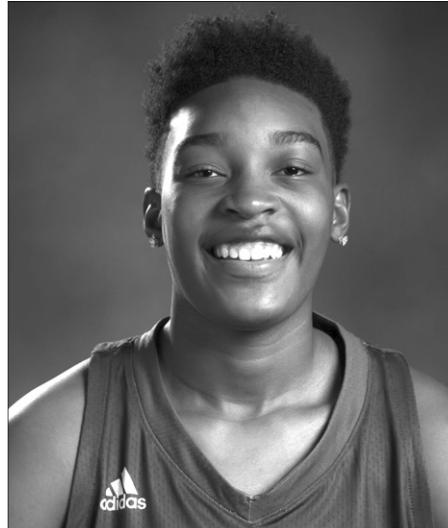
ATHLETES OF THE WEEK **BEARCATS**

Justin Pitts



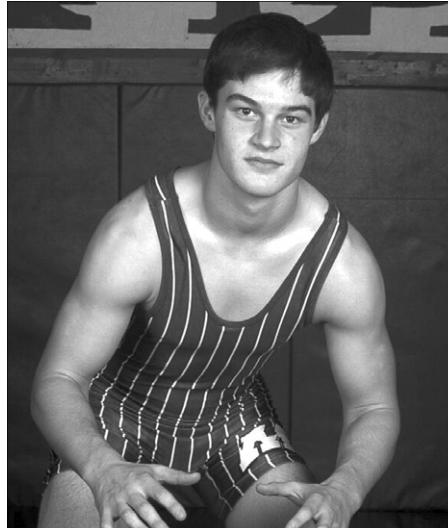
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Wrestling finds stiff competition at MEC

JAMES HOWEY
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Maryville wrestling competed in one of the tougher tournament fields it will see this season Saturday, Jan. 21.



The Spoofhounds saw their small surge of success take a step back in the Midland Empire Conference (MEC) tournament at Lafayette high school. Maryville finished seventh out of eight teams in the tournament, posting 171 points, only ahead of Lafayette. Coach Connor Kellerstrass said this type of outcome is expected against a loaded tournament.

"I think we performed about as expected on Saturday," Kellerstrass said. "We have a really young team and this was many of their first matches against MEC competition."

The MEC featured some of the most successful wrestling programs in the area. Cameron, Savannah, Chillicothe, Benton and the defending Class 2 State Champion Smithville were all in attendance for the tournament. Kellerstrass said the tournament was a learning experience that will prove valuable for the team.

"The MEC is always extremely tough," Kellerstrass said. "I think we learned a lot from Saturday to help us prepare for this last stretch of the season."

The 'Hounds had six wrestlers place in the top eight in their weight classes. Sophomore Jarrett Partridge was seventh in 152, junior Mark

Zahnd was seventh in 182, junior Jacob Search was fifth in 195 and senior Ryan Owens was fourth in 220.

The standouts for Maryville were junior Jackson Sanders in the 160 class and senior Matthew Twaddle in the 170 class. Both claimed third place in their weight classes and received high praise from Kellerstrass.

"Both have been getting better and better each time they step on the mat," Kellerstrass said. "They practice together every day, and you can tell all of the hard work is paying off."

Twaddle lost two close decisions against two of the best wrestlers in the area. He lost to Smithville's Brian Boyd and Chillicothe's Dean Adkins.

"Both were very winnable matches if a few things had fallen my way," Twaddle said. "I just wasn't able to get it done that day, but it gave me confidence going forward having wrestled well against tough opponents."

Twaddle says the talent he faced Saturday will help him with getting to his ultimate goal this season.

"It is very beneficial to wrestle in the MEC tournament in order to gauge where I am at in regards to the competition," Twaddle said. "Wrestling against good competitors in tight matches readies me for districts and state."

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Maryville @ Mount Ayr High School

Jan. 26 @ 5 p.m.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Boys prepare for rematch with Hornets

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A six-game road trip continues to build upon Spoofhound boys basketball's success.

Maryville (14-2) competed in three games last week. The boys turned around following a short period of rest for the Cameron Invitational.

"You have to travel, you get home late and you go to bed late," coach Matt Stoecklein said. "You are tired and you have to do homework because you are a student. They are all good students. It is tough."

The tournament guarantees each team three chances to compete, including a consolation bracket, leaving 12 total games on the boys' side of the tournament. The Spoofhounds beat Smithville (1-13) 58-53 in their first competition of the tournament.

Senior point guard John Zimmerman led the Spoofhounds with 23 points. His scoring effort has become a common occurrence on the court.

"John is a heck of a scorer and a heck of a ball player," senior Trey Oglesby said. "He will affect the game, whether he scores or not."

The Spoofhounds now prepare for their fifth game since Jan. 16. From a player's perspective, constantly worrying about the next game at hand is part of the experience.

"It's a pretty long week, but

games are fun," Oglesby said. "You don't even really realize it during the day. You feel tired, but when you get to the game you're like 'I'm alright.'"

No team has completely shut down the Spoofhounds, with both losses coming within five points. The latest loss came against St. Joseph Benton (10-4) Jan. 19.

"We had a close night, a tough heartbreaker," Stoecklein said. "The boys have had exerted so much energy this week. We shot the ball well. I thought they played well despite playing three road games."

Zimmerman ended the game with a buzzer-beating three-pointer while attempting to bring up a foul against the Cardinals. A no-call left the Spoofhounds with a 58-57 loss.

Maryville turned around the next night, defeating Savannah (1-12) 54-39. Senior shooting guard Jackson Golightly led the team with 12 points right ahead of Zimmerman, who put up 9.

The 'Hounds built up their offensive intensity in the game but never let defensive pressure disappear as it did against Benton.

"The defensive intensity was good; we played good defense," Oglesby said. "Last night, we didn't get some shots, but the defense really stepped up tonight."

The successful run into the season for the Spoofhounds has been set up by their unique set of the offense. The

diverse height within the team allows each player to find a way to move the ball across the court quickly.

"We have good enough shooters that they have to come out and get on us, and then we swing to the other side," Stoecklein said. "They are running from side-to-side. That is tough, especially since we are moving it side-to-side, because that is something we have been stressing: making the (opposing) defense work."

A bench loaded with athletes in both zones helps Maryville adjust if needed.

"We have kids who are good crashers and who are good backers," Stoecklein said. "Our crashers have to get an offensive board every single time. Every time you go get it, you have to go get a rebound."

The Spoofhounds aim to continue their flow against Chillicothe (9-8). The last time the two teams met, Maryville beat the Hornets 54-48. Pushing that factor aside, the Spoofhounds have one goal in mind.

"Every time you go into the tournament, you want to come out with the trophy, and I think that is our goal," Oglesby said.

NEXT GAME

Maryville @ Cameron Tournament

Jan. 27 @ 7 p.m.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore guard Eli Dowis attempts to throw down a ferocious dunk over a Savannah defender in the Spoofhounds' 54-29 win Jan. 21.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior forward Abbie Greely looks for an open teammate Jan. 2.

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	18-0	10-0
Central Missouri.....	12-5	6-3
Central Oklahoma.....	11-6	6-3
Emporia St.....	10-8	6-3
Lincoln.....	13-6	6-4
Washburn.....	13-5	5-4
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-6	5-4
Missouri Southern.....	11-8	5-5
Fort Hays St.....	10-7	4-5
Lindenwood.....	14-8	4-6
Southwest Baptist.....	10-8	3-6
Missouri Western.....	6-12	3-7
Northeastern St.....	3-14	2-7
Pittsburg St.....	3-15	1-9

Jan. 28

Northwest at Missouri Western

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Pittsburg St.....	17-2	9-1
Central Oklahoma.....	17-1	8-1
Central Missouri.....	15-2	8-1
Emporia St.....	16-2	7-2
Missouri Western.....	14-5	6-4
Fort Hays St.....	14-4	5-4
Washburn.....	12-6	5-4
Missouri Southern.....	10-9	5-5
Southwest Baptist.....	11-7	3-6
Lindenwood.....	7-10	3-7
Northeastern St.....	6-11	2-7
NORTHWEST.....	7-10	2-8
Lincoln.....	3-14	2-8
Nebraska Kearney.....	5-12	1-8

Jan. 28

Northwest at Missouri Western

MHS BOYS BASKETBALL

MEC Standings

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	14-2	5-1
St. Joseph Benton.....	10-4	3-0
St. Joseph Lafayette.....	5-9	2-1
Chillicothe.....	8-8	1-1
Cameron.....	7-8	1-1
Savannah.....	6-7	1-1
Smithville.....	1-13	0-3
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-11	0-3

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Cameron Invitational Tournament

MHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

MEC Standings

	Overall	MEC
St. Joseph Benton.....	9-4	2-0
Chillicothe.....	13-1	1-0
Lafayette.....	8-6	1-0
Savannah.....	7-6	2-1
MARYVILLE.....	3-13	1-1
Smithville.....	9-5	0-1
Cameron.....	3-7	0-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	2-12	0-2

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Cameron Invitational Tournament

January 26, 2017

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BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Audrey Wichmann begins to work on her shotput technique inside Bearcat Arena for the Bearcat Track and Field team Jan. 25.

Wichmann name returns to the top

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Following in the footsteps of her sister, Audrey Wichmann is seeking to make a name for herself in a sport her sibling once thrived in.

Chloe Wichmann made her mark on the Northwest track program, but Audrey Wichmann made one thing clear during her recruitment visit to Northwest: do not confuse her with Chloe.

"My mom always told me to make sure they know you're not Chloe, you're not the same and I even told them that on my visit," Audrey Wichmann said.

With the distinction made, Audrey Wichmann decided to take her talents to Maryville. She started off her freshman campaign qualifying for the NCAA Outdoor Champion-

ships and finding herself one spot away from the national contests. In Northwest's latest meet, Audrey Wichmann reached the NCAA provisional mark of 5-5 and finished tied for sixth overall in the Holiday Inn Invitational.

In Chloe Wichmann's four years at Northwest, she set the school record in the pentathlon, scoring 3,858 points in 2015. She also set the heptathlon record after scoring 5,235 points in 2016. With a sister that had so much success in a Bearcat uniform, it would seem that Audrey Wichmann's choice would be obvious. That was not the case.

"It was really great having her here, but I wouldn't say it influenced my decision to come here," Audrey Wichmann said.

She knew that she wanted to run track but she was not sure where.

"It definitely helped a little bit knowing I had someone there that I

was familiar with. It made me feel comfortable," Audrey Wichmann said.

Chloe Wichmann was not only a source of comfort for her sister, but a supporter for her as well.

"Having her here was definitely a big help. She was a really big supporter of mine," Audrey Wichmann said. "She is my big sister so I look up to her. She is really good at encouraging me and making me feel like I can do the best that I can at anything I try."

As the 2017 season begins, Audrey Wichmann is transitioning to the event her sister knew so well. Audrey Wichmann admitted that her sister nudged her to try out the heptathlon.

"She's a really talented athlete, graduate assistant Derrick Schluter said. "She has really great perks to her. She works really hard and is always punctual. She really knows what she wants to do and she wants

to do it well. I think that's really helpful when it comes to coaching an athlete."

The freshman was hesitant to transition into the heptathlon. People, including her sister, had told her she would perform well in the events. One of the concerns of the switch was the worry of living in her sister's shadow. Soon after the shift, Audrey Wichmann learned that would not be the case. Clear goals came with the event change.

"I really would like to get to know all the events," Audrey Wichmann said. "I already have a little bit of each one, but just to be more consistent and improve in each event would be a really big

thing for me."

Audrey Wichmann has high expectations following her successful first year along with the goals for her event.

"I would really like to score in conference," Audrey Wichmann said. "The conference meet is a really big deal for us, and I know our women's team has high expectations for ourselves."

While her confidence for the conference competition is high, nationals is a larger task.

"As far as nationals, that's just something that comes along. If I happen to be there in the running that would be awesome," Audrey Wichmann said.

Track enters period of rest

TRENT SPINNER
Sports Reporter | @NWMSports



The Northwest track and field team seeks progress in its individual events through the mid-season off week.

For Bearcat track and field, their off week was not about awards or times; it was about progression. Throughout the season, coach Scott Lorek created a mapped-out process to get better with each coming week.

"We have different phases each week," senior Tim Grundmayer said. "Before, we were kind of in the strength phase, and now we are all focused on the endurance phase. Each phase creates a workout perfect for going into our next meet. Everyone on the team says 'trust the process, and as the season goes on, our times will show for themselves.'"

The process is a core curriculum on the track and field team. The athletes practice and live by it. Even with strides being hit, there are still always chances to get better.

"Last meet was all about going out and just competing. Now it's time to focus on a week of progressions," Grundmayer said. "Toward the end of the season it'll start being more about dropping times, but not right now."

With no meets on the calendar, last week's practices were crucial to getting better and farther along in their progressions.

"With this week being a no-meet



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Zenova Harris practices the 100-meter dash inside Bearcat Arena Jan. 24.

week, we were able to improve all the things we needed to improve on and further our progressions," graduate assistant Derrick Schluter said.

"We just wanted everyone to take this week and train, so that they can try to get to the times they wanted to be at and where we wanted them to be at."

To the Bearcat track and field team, there is no such thing as an off day. Every day is treated as an opportunity to get a step on the competition.

"This week has been a heavy training week, with our harder workouts being Monday on the track," Grundmayer said. "We've been doing a lot of speed things to get faster and putting in a lot of miles."

Some of the Northwest track and

field athletes will have an extended amount of time to better their skills, as the multi meet at the University of Nebraska Kearney is being rescheduled.

"The meet being changed affects us quite a bit, not really physically, because we are ready physically to go any meet, but more in a mentality sense," Schluter said. "It's definitely a mental thing, thinking the whole week you have a meet and then at the last minute it gets changed, because you have to change your workouts and it just affects what you have been thinking all week."

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Senior guard Zach Schneider drills one of his eight three-pointers during the Bearcats' 82-72 win over Fort Hays St. Jan. 21.

Women follow rough patch with marquee win

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When the final second ran off of the clock Jan. 21 at Bearcat Arena, not only had Northwest found its rhythm, but it also shocked the conference.

Prior to Northwest's 92-80 victory over No. 23 Fort Hays State, it struggled to get going. Losing 10 of its last 11 games left coach Buck Scheel questioning how dedicated his players were to the sport. But after a solid outing, Scheel sees what his team is capable of, just in time to turn fortune around before the final stretch of the season.

"That was probably our best four quarters that we have had all season," Scheel said. "We need to carry that momentum into our next game."

Although the game was not as clean as Scheel would have

hoped, one positive is the starters did their fair share of work. Strong outings from senior Jasmin Howe (25 points), junior Taya Meyer (28 points) and sophomore Arbie Benson (22 points) allowed Northwest to take an early lead that was never surrendered.

"We have shown signs of that throughout different points in the season," Scheel said. "It was good to go out and do that against one of the better teams in our conference."

All season, Northwest has done an exceptional job connecting on shots from the floor. Against Fort Hays, it was more of the same. Alongside holding Fort Hays to a shooting percentage of 41 percent, Northwest showcased its balance by connecting on 53 percent of its shots.

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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Maria Dentlinger splits two Nebraska-Kearney defenders in a 92-80 loss against the Lopers Jan. 19.



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Royals right-handed pitcher Yordano Ventura was pronounced dead in a fatal car crash in the Dominican Republic Jan. 22. He played for the Royals for eight years.

Ace remains 'Forever Royal'

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As the sun rose over the Kansas City Metropolitan area, it couldn't have been a darker day with the news of Yordano Ventura's death weighing on everyone's minds.

Ventura, 25, the former Kansas City Royals "ACE", was pronounced dead at the scene of a car accident in the Dominican Republic Sunday morning.

Royals fans around the globe mourned his death with recollections of what he meant to the Kansas City family. From his historic tribute to the late Oscar Tavares with a seven inning shutout in game six of

Men's high-powered offense uses all its tools to finish teams

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When crunch time arrives, Northwest men's basketball is finding ways to put the game to bed like no other team in the nation.

In last week's action against Nebraska Kearney (12-6) and Fort Hays State (10-7), the No. 1 Bearcats (18-0) clinched their 30th straight win at Bearcat Arena and further added to a program-best 22-straight MIAA victories.

In those two contests, Northwest posted 12 and 17 points respectively in the final five minutes, catapulting the team to a pair of double-digit wins.

"We've got as good of a closing team as there is," coach Ben McCollum said. "Those last five minutes we really make our money. We take care of the ball, we have a guy who can get a shot anytime and we have a bunch of weapons around him."

Northwest has been secure in the closing moments, averaging less than one (0.94) turnover per game in the last five minutes of each Bearcat win throughout the season.

Next week, Northwest travels 40 minutes south to face rival Missouri Western for the second time this year. In their previous contest, Northwest delivered a 78-52 blow in front of 1,834 fans.

This time around, the Griffons will come more equipped.

"They are playing a lot better," McCollum said. "They are playing for their coach and I'm sure they expect to beat us. We love the challenge and our kids seem to embrace it."

Since losing to Northwest Dec. 6, Western has accumulated an overall record of 6-4 to go along with committing the fourth fewest turnovers in the conference.

"It will be as tough of a road game as we've probably had up to this point," McCollum said. "We embrace shutting down gyms. I think we actually play better on the road."

For the Bearcats, turnovers have not been a problem and neither has scoring. Northwest continues to shoot a Division II best 44.7 percent from three-point land.

This accomplishment is possible thanks to the flawless pick-and-roll of senior Zach Schneider and junior Justin Pitts.

"It's obviously very tough to guard," Schneider said. "It puts the two defenders in a pressure situation. If they miscommunicate, Justin will either find me open or he will make a play."

Schneider finished the game against Nebraska Kearney with 24 points behind eight treys. The senior sniper was not the only one with a breakout game.

Pitts, a 5-foot, 9-inch point guard, put on a show, posting a season-best 37 points along with seven assists and six rebounds.

Though the duo could not be stopped, the special chemistry the two have would not be possible without the players surrounding them.

"It's unreal," senior D'Vante Mosby said. "I feel like my role on this team is kind of the utility guy. My main focus is to be a part of something big. Looking down the roster, it's cool to see all these talents put together on a team and we get to see the results."

For athletes such as Mosby, junior multi-tooled Chris Ebou-Ndow, freshman sharp-shooter Ryan Welly, junior upcoming Xavier Kurth and senior slasher Anthony Woods, points are almost a guarantee. Though scoring is not the issue, McCollum still aims to find the right rotation in preparation of a deep playoff run.

"We're still trying to find a rhythm with those guys," McCollum said. "You have to mix and match lineups. It's a matter of time before we find that rhythm."

NEXT GAME

Northwest @ Missouri Western

Jan. 28 at 4 p.m.

the World Series, to his wild antics in the locker room after the big win, Ventura was special.

Growing up in poverty in the Dominican Republic, Ventura knew his calling was baseball. A school dropout, and a construction worker at age 14, no one saw what he saw. It took three years, but eventually a team believed in him and that team was the Royals.

From an under-the-radar prospect, to a rising star, to ACE, Ventura was born again in the form of a baseball player. The man that threw fire was an under-looked icon.

ACE was not going to back down to anyone. Ventura was idolized by many as a man with a passion. His smile radiated the stadium every time he was on the diamond.

As baseball fans, we relive his smile in our brains as the lights of the stadium seem to shut off. His passion for the game burns inside every person he has ever met. As his teammates feel the sting of los-

ing a brother, the city feels the sting of losing a home-grown legend.

To fans, his legacy helped build bonds that will never be broken, as the fan base thinks of what could have been. What would the future have held for such a hard working, young individual? What could he have accomplished with the Royals? The questions race as fans celebrate what he was and who he was.

The impact he made to people's everyday lives is irreplaceable. Fans realized the impact as people around the Kansas City area gathered together as a family, leaving flowers and Royals' memorabilia to immortalize Ventura in front of Kauffman Stadium. People arrived throughout the day to remember his name and what it means to be true blue through and through. As the candles were lit for the memorial Sunday night, people celebrated Ventura and his ability to throw fire fastballs, as the fire he left at Kauffman Stadium was extinguished forever.